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The Honorable Peter Foor  
Presiding Judge, Solano County Superior Court  
530 Union Avenue  
Fairfield, CA 94533

**Re: Response to the Annual Report of the 2003-2004 Grand Jury**

Dear Judge Foor:

The following is submitted in response to the findings and recommendations of the 2003-2004 Solano County Grand Jury, as set forth in their Annual Report.

**Benicia Unified School District:**

The Solano County District Attorney's Office is mentioned as a "courtesy copy" recipient only in the list of affected agencies. Based on my review of the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations regarding the Benicia Unified School District, I do not believe that a response from the District Attorney is required.

**Transportation and Public Buildings:**

Finding #1, Recommendation #1: The District Attorney is listed as an affected agency in that the Grand Jury calls on "*appropriate County legal authorities*" to "*conduct detailed review of the leasing process and appropriateness of leases*" in order to ensure that the county comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Although the District Attorney does not disagree with the finding or recommendation, I am not the "appropriate County legal authority" to review or in any manner oversee the process of leasing. Instead, the "appropriate County legal authority" for this purpose is the County Counsel. Nonetheless, should either the County Counsel or a future Grand Jury find that one or more parties to a lease, to which Solano County is also a party, has/have committed a violation of law, I would certainly encourage the County Counsel and/or the Grand Jury to immediately call upon the District Attorney for assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David W. Paulson".

David W. Paulson  
District Attorney

Cc: Solano County Board of Supervisors